toll free number working round-the-clock has been introduced for most of the travel related requirements. Reconfirmation can also be done through Air India Website.

(f) The average number of passengers travelling daily by Air India from IGI Airport Terminal-2 is approximately 1500.

Expansion of air service from Bhopal

3192. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating on some proposals for commencing air services on some new routes;

(b) whether Government would consider air service from Bhopal to Kolkata in view of increasing demand for the same; and

(c) if so, the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieving better regulation of air transport services, taking into account the need for air transport services, of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places, including new routes, depending upon the traffic demand, commercial viability and subject to Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines does not have any plans to introduce direct air services between Bhopal and Kolkata at present.

Construction of airport at Gulbarga

3193. SHRI K. B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to construct airport at Gulbarga District in Karnataka;

(b) if so, how many acres of land is required for this project;

(c) what is the total estimated cost of the project;

(d) how much amount has been provided in the budget for the current year 2006-07;